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Skem firms' treble hit at business awards

Staff from Direct 365 with their award for Best Use of IT at the Be Inspired Business Awards (BIBAs)

THREE Skelmersdale–based firms were among the winners at one of the county's leading business awards which on Friday (September 11).

Direct 365, suppliers of workplace and washroom supplies, collected the Best Use of IT award at the Be Inspired Business Awards (BIBAs) in front of a sell–out crowd at Blackpool Tower.

Meanwhile, Phil Lawson, managing director of Virtue Technologies based on the White Moss Business Park, collected the Entrepreneur of the Year award; and energy specialists, Power Efficient Systems (EnergyAce) of Greenhey Place walked away with the Small Business of the Year prize.

Adam Armstrong, transformation leader at the awards' headline sponsor, Saatchi and Saatchi, said: "As part of the judging panel for the Business of the Year category, I can honestly say that the calibre of businesses shortlisted for this year's BIBAs was astonishingly high.

"Many of the firms shortlisted in my category would have been a worthy winner and I believe that was the same story in the other categories.

"Lancashire should be proud to have such a collection of

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SOLAR PANELS FOR COUNCIL HOMES PROJECT

Report by **Henry James**

Authority considers £4.4m scheme to reduce tenants' energy costs

MORE than a thousand council homes in West Lancashire could be fitted with solar panels (called solar PV) as part of a new £4.4m scheme being considered by the local authority.

The council hopes the project, due to be discussed at the full council meeting last night (Tuesday, September 15) will help its tenants by reducing the cost of their electricity bills, through the government's Feed–in Tariff (FiT) scheme and help residents combat electricity price rises over the next 25 years.

They estimate that savings for tenants could be up to £200 a year depending on the size of the property.

The FiT scheme works by generating payments for every KWh of renewable electricity generated by a solar PV system for 20 years.

In his report for the meeting, the council's assistant director of housing and regeneration, Bob Livermore, wrote that "the significant reductions in capital costs to install solar PV technology means that it still provides a good investment opportunity that can provide positive cash flows and attractive rates of return."

Officers are keen that the scheme be implemented as quickly as possible as FiT rates paid by the government are being reduced.

More than 2,900 council properties in West Lancashire would be suitable for solar PV at a cost of £8.75m.

BENEFIT

However, the council wants the investment limited to the 1,434 homes that face south, south west, and south east. The cost of that work would be £4.4m.

If a tenant decides to buy their home and the council wants to continue to own the solar panels and wishes for them to remain on the property, a lease agreement would be signed during the right to buy process.

Mr Livermore wrote: "This way, the council is guaranteed the return on investment from the FiT and the tenant continues to benefit from free electricity."

It is believed that the installation of the solar PV on the properties would improve housing quality and help tackle local fuel poverty levels by reducing tenants' energy bills.

Mr Livermore added: "Decentralised energy supplies and self–sufficient energy generation need to increase in the future if we are to have security in our energy supplies and protect the council and our tenants from increasing energy prices and the risk of climate change."

Tenants will be educated about the scheme so they know how they can make savings on their energy bills.

The matter was due to be discussed at last night's council meeting with officers seeking delegated authority to complete the project.

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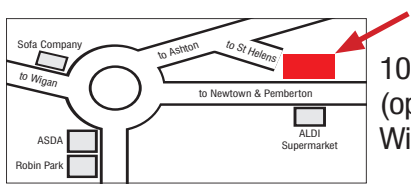

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Police get 'smart' in fight against crime

Report by **Henry James**

A PILOT project which has seen 40 officers use mobile technology to help modernise policing in Lancashire, is to be rolled out across the force.

More than 2,000 officers will be equipped with Samsung Galaxy Note 4 devices which police believe will "revolutionise" the way in which they work, helping them to access police IT files and systems while on the go.

Clive Grunshaw, the county's police and crime commissioner, has funded the investment from an earmarked reserves budget which was set aside to improve services and ensure that officers are better equipped. As a result, uniform officers will be out on the beat for longer as they can access files they need without having to return to base.

The mobile devices are just part of a £10m overhaul of IT infrastructure across the force designed to meet national requirements, improve security and streamline the number of platforms the force currently uses.

They run on EE's 4G network and will come loaded with special policing apps allowing officers to read live crime reports, take witness statements electronically and access the Police National Computer to run checks.

They will also be able to post directly onto the constabulary's 70–plus social media accounts to make instant appeals for help or engage directly with the public on local policing issues.

Clive Grunshaw said: "This investment was planned to ensure we provide our officers with the latest technology to improve the speed with which they access information. The Samsung works just as any other mobile telephone but with the additional apps and folders needed to make them more effective in the job and to ultimately give them officers more time on the streets of Lancashire.

Police officers with their smartphones

"These mobiles will also improve the way people can get in touch with their local policing team too. Being more mobile means residents will see officers and PCSOs doing their work in the community, where members of the public can interact with them."

Assistant chief constable, Mark Bates, added: "This demonstrates our commitment to make use of modern enterprise technology to ensure that officers and staff have more time to spend in their communities.

"Officers will be able to offer greater visibility and ultimately a better service to victims of crime. These smartphones will enable officers to work differently and ultimately more efficiently. We are always looking for ways to work smarter and create efficiency savings that will benefit the communities we serve."

The decision to use smartphones follows a successful pilot in Blackpool and Lancaster. Training is now under way and by January next year all front–line uniform officers across the constabulary will be using them.

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Future of Beechtrees Revival Scheme in the balance

Report by **Henry James**

THE findings of the consultation into the £3m Beechtrees Revival Scheme were due to be discussed at the meeting of West Lancs Council's cabinet last night (Tuesday, September 15).

Officers have recommended that a decision on the project be deferred, pending next year's budget–setting process.

Information packs on the proposals were sent to every home in Beechtrees in March with a questionnaire for people to fill in and details of how they could give their response. People had until the end of April to respond.

However, a council report said they were "disappointed" with the response, with only 24 of 227 returned, less than 11%.

Among those who did respond the report said that the proposals were "generally well received" with only two people disagreeing with the revival scheme in principal.

Also in the consultation, some tenants expressed concerns regarding inability to move back once the revival was completed.

The scheme is due to last for three years and officers believe that during that time most tenants will have settled in a new home. Also home loss payments would be based on permanent displacement.

But officers believe that changes in the summer budget to social housing will have an impact on this scheme.

An artist's impression of how Beechtrees may look as a result of the Revival Scheme

In his report for the meeting, Bob Livermore, the council's assistant director of housing and regeneration, wrote: "Officers do not feel it would be prudent to proceed with the Beechtrees Revival Scheme before an initial review of the business plan is carried out."

The proposals include fully refurbishing the six detached blocks inside and out, demolishing three blocks of flats and the adjoining homes, and partially refurbishing two more blocks.

Letters have been sent to everyone living on Beechtrees telling them exactly how they will be affected.

Even the partially–refurbished homes will be brought in line with the quality of the best council homes in the borough. The buildings that are being demolished will make way for 14 new homes to be built on the estate.

The council has said the aim of the scheme is to "ensure the long–term sustainability of the flats" on Beechtrees and to provide "good quality homes."

Originally the council had announced plans for a £5.4m scheme for Beechtrees with consultation with residents promised by the end of 2014.

Local firms score a treble hit at business awards

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creative, hard–working and inspirational businesses behind its economy and I congratulate every finalist at this year's BIBAs for their achievements."

Following the prizegiving ceremony, hosted by former Dynasty actress, Stephanie Beacham, guests were entertained by hit musical act, The Overtones.

The award winners will become the second group to be inducted in to the BIBAs Academy, set up with Lancaster University to deliver masterclasses with some of the world's top business leaders, workshops to hone their skills, and the opportunity to network with leading firms.

Quality

Denys Smith–Hart, of sponsor Intersys Group, said: "By linking with an institution like Lancaster University, the BIBAs has again put itself ahead of the rest.

"The quality of applicants, finalists and winners at this year's awards has raised the bar even higher and I am sure that entering the BIBAs Academy will further strengthen our economy."

On the evening, awards organisers, the North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, announced it was putting "at least £20,000" of profits generated by the awards in to its BIBAs Foundation.

The foundation is a charity set up with the Lancashire Community Foundation to support enterprise projects across the county and recently handed out its first grants of more than £7,000.

Chance to view exhibition of town's heritage

WEST Lancashire College is inviting residents to celebrate the Pride of Skelmersdale Town.

The college has recently received an array of Skelmersdale memorabilia donated by the late Walter Oakley, a well–loved and respected man who lived in the town for most of his life.

In recognition of Pride month at West Lancashire College and in Mr Oakley's honour, college staff and students are holding an exhibition which will showcase his extensive collection and research on the town's heritage.

Mr Oakley's son, David, said: "He wanted future generations to know the history of Skelmersdale and the people who made it. To reach as many future generations as possible he decided to leave the collection to West Lancashire College."

A spokeswoman for West Lancashire College, said: "We would like to take this opportunity to invite residents and those who share Mr Oakley's passion to attend the exhibition at the college's Skelmersdale Campus."

It will be open on Wednesday, September 23, from 2 to 8pm and Thursday and Friday, September 24 and 25 from 9am to 5pm and will be held in conjunction with a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Coffee and cake will be available to purchase from Café West.

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Constabulary gets green light to recruit 120 officers

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has been given the go–ahead to recruit 120 new officers to join the force within the next year.

The county's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has approved 120 new officers joining the force following the recruitment of a number of new officer roles last year.

Applications are being taken from Thursday, October 1 to Tuesday, October 13 via the Lancashire Police website.

The commissioner wants to to replace officers who are coming up to retirement or due to leave the force, while a number of officers will take on different roles.

Mr Grunshaw said: "I am pleased to announce this latest stage of recruitment to the constabulary. This follows an extremely tough time that hasn't been easy for anyone in the force. We have seen our officer numbers decline significantly but we still have a very good record here in Lancashire of tackling crime and re–offending.

"A number of the new recruits will join our Early Action teams and develop this area of our work preventing people entering a life of crime or helping to stop others' behaviour escalating out of control."

Clive Grunshaw

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Deputy chief constable, Andy Rhodes, added: "At least 10 officers leave the constabulary each month – mainly through retirement. We are now in a position where we need to recruit just to 'stand still' and to make sure we remain operationally resilient.

"We have made significant changes to the recruitment process this time as we realise that the previous method of phoning for an application pack was dated. We have listened to the feedback and we have improved the process to make it fairer.

"The way we police our communities has changed significantly over recent years and we are keen to recruit resilient individuals with a high level of empathy to meet the demands of modern day policing.

"We are also keen to hear from people with experience of dealing with vulnerable members of the community, in particular those with a background in mental health."

People considering applying for the roles are asked to study the application requirements before submitting their forms.

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Ministers reject call to intervene on Glenburn closure

By **Henry James**

GOVERNMENT ministers have rejected a plea by two local councillors to reverse the decision to close Glenburn Sports College.

Skelmersdale North councillors Neil Furey and Jenny Patterson made a last–ditch bid to save the Yewdale school by writing directly to Education Secretary Nicky Morgan calling on her to intervene in the matter.

However, their hopes have been dashed following a response by the Minister of State for Schools, Nick Gibb MP.

He wrote: "I understand your concerns about the decision to close Glenburn Sports College and I appreciate that this will be a difficult time for those directly affected, including the pupils and staff at the school, and their families.

"Local authorities are under a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient primary and secondary school places for all children living in their area. In doing so, they should ensure that they achieve value for money to guarantee the best use of their resources.

"On occasion a local authority will need to make the difficult decision to close a school; this may be due to a lack of local demand or because a school is not delivering the required quality of education.

"In making its decision, Lancashire County Council was required to follow a well–established statutory process, including the initial consultation and a period of formal representation, to ensure that those affected were able to present their views.

"As you have noted, following a subsequent appeal by the governing body, the decision to close the school was reviewed by the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator who agreed that the proposal should be approved.

Councillor Furey

"As this was a local decision, in which the department had no formal role, ministers cannot seek to influence the final outcome."

Councillors Furey and Patterson said: "We are very disappointed that the Minister of State for Schools has refused to intervene over these plans. We feel the school should have remained open until the completion of a full review into secondary education across West Lancashire. We think this review would demonstrate a need to retain a high school in Skelmersdale town centre.

"Parents, children and campaigners are entitled to feel let down with this closure.

"The future of this site and its valuable sports facilities remain in doubt and this will be a huge loss to the local community.

"We wish to thank everybody who campaigned so hard to save this school and its facilities."

Members of the Get Up and Run 5k group pictured before a session

Running group on right track

A GROUP aimed at encouraging people to take up running for fun and fitness is going from strength to strength.

'Get Up and Run 5k' was the idea of friends, Barry Ryder and Paula Keating, who wanted to encourage people who had not run before to give it a go.

Barry said: "The sessions are free and the aim is to enable people who have not tried running before to get up to a level where they can compete in a 5k event at Edge Hill University.

"The response has been encouraging, in the first few weeks we have had, on average, about 25 people turning up, with ages varying from the early 20s up to their 60s. We even had someone turn up who was 87!"

The group meet once a week at West Lancs College on Thursdays at 6pm.

Barry added: "We build up the running during the weeks. In week one people will run for a minute and walk for a minute–and–half and then repeat the cycle. In week two they will do a minute–and–half running and two minutes walking. The running then keeps building up during the 10 weeks of the course.

"Everyone who has been involved has really enjoyed the sessions and have said they have appreciated them.

"As well as a means of enabling people to get out of the house and meet new people, the sessions can help with weight loss. And they're great fun – everyone has said they have had a laugh.

"Many people would like to start running but find it difficult on their own but being part of a group makes it easier.

"While some groups have a minimum mileage, we don't and those who want to take it further can go on to join a local running club if they wish."

Brave dads face waxing pain for team to gain!

TWO dads whose sons play for Dynamo Rangers Under 8s had their legs and backs waxed to raise money for new kits and equipment for the team.

Jason Mamood and Steve Castley bravely volunteered to have the waxing done at Flawless beauty salons and consultants in Ashurst on Sunday (September 13) – with members of the team looking on to witness their agony!.

Amanda Douglas, manager at Flawless, said: "The event was good fun – at least the kids really enjoyed it!

"One of the dads had to have a drink before the waxing started and some of kids joined in and enjoyed inflicting pain on the two dads!"

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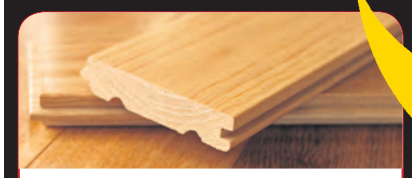

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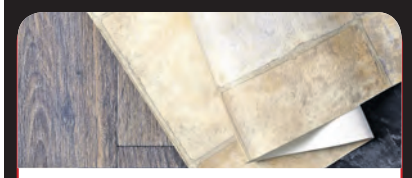

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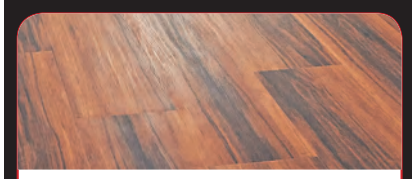

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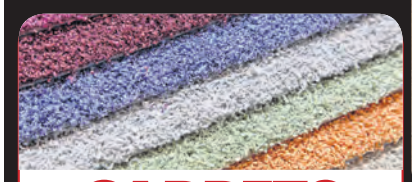

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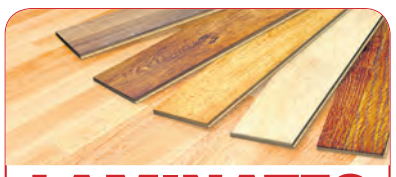

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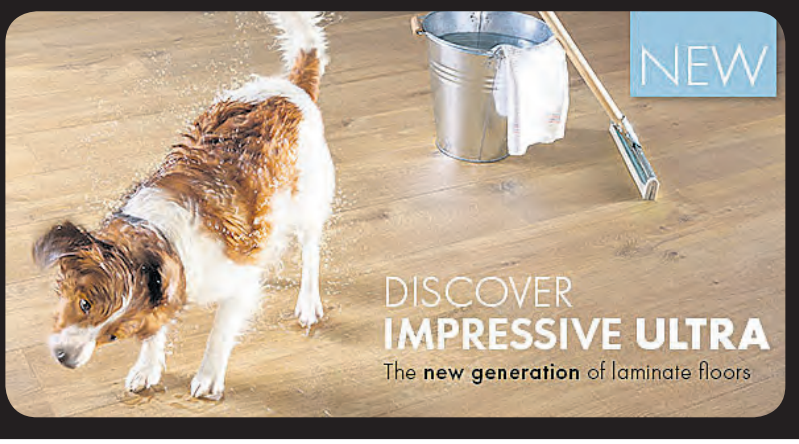

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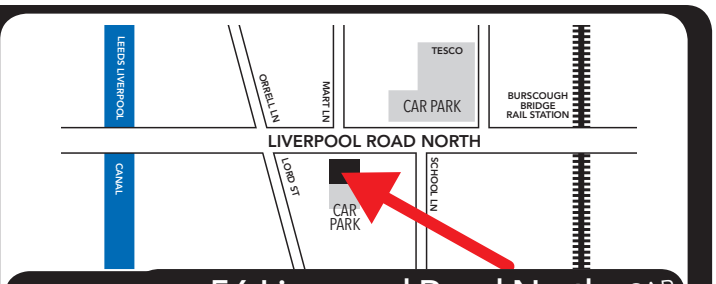

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The Lions' welfare team leader, Thelma Jones, said: "We already help many individuals and families in need in our local community, providing furniture and household goods in response to requests from social services and local service groups.

"The grants that we are now making available are different. We want to help community groups, schools or individuals with projects outside the normal course of their activities, such as providing or improving equipment or arranging a special event.

"The funds have been raised from people living in the area through our 'Lions Den' charity shop in the Concourse in Skelmersdale where we sell goods that have been donated to us by the members of the public. We now want to put that money to good use locally."

Applications should be made in a brief letter stating how the grant would be used, who it would help, the amount requested and the applicant's contact details, to: Margaret Evans, 104 Runshaw Lane, Euxton, Lancashire, PR7 6AX.

United team up with Men–aces to boost sport in community

One big happy family... members of the clubs celebrate the link–up

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United are teaming up with the Skem Men–aces disability football team to advance community sport in the town.

The clubs have announced a 'working agreement' which they hope will benefit both clubs.

While most people in the area know about Skelmersdale United and how they have helped to put the town on the sporting map, the Men–aces have rapidly acquired a faithful following of their own in the local football fraternity.

The Men–aces provide football for players aged 17 and upwards who have learning or physical disabilities. They have a large number of members along with 45 active playing members and have done a great job of promoting sport for the disabled over recent years with their slogan of 'If you've had fun you've won.'

Managed by Carl Eaton, who has physical disabilities himself, the Men–aces were formed in 2009 and have grown year–on–year earning a reputation second to none in the area.

Carl Eaton said: "The move to work with Skelmersdale United has been a long term aim of mine. It can only help both clubs if we combine our efforts.

"It has been agreed that we will play some of our games at Stormy Corner but that's just the beginning of the things that we aim to do together."

Paul Sammons of local business Messenger Express did much to instigate the move.

He said: "I already sponsor Skelmersdale United and when the Men–aces were looking for a kit sponsor we got involved. In my meeting with Carl Eaton he suggested he might like to work with United and said how his members followed them so I was delighted to introduce him to the club's chairman, Paul Griffiths and arrange a meeting between them."

Paul Griffiths added: "I knew about Skem Men–aces and the good job they do for people in the area so when I was approached with a proposal to work alongside them on community projects I was very keen indeed.

"A number of their members come to watch us at Stormy Corner so I know a number of them already. It's a terrific arrangement for both clubs and I must thank Messenger Express who did a great job bringing us together."

The Evo–Stick Premier Division outfit cemented the relationship with the Men–aces by giving all players a Skelmersdale United season ticket and at the recent game against Matlock they went down as a group to celebrate.

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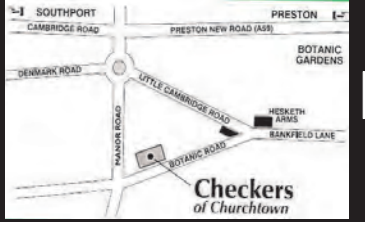

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Civic launch for elderly care forum

By **Danielle Thompson**

A CARE forum which aims to bring together services across the borough to fully integrate all elderly residents into the community has been officially launched by the Mayor of West Lancashire.

Lesley Malone, events organiser at Abbey Wood Lodge care home in Ormskirk, spearheaded the initiative, which aims to ensure that relevant agencies and charities meet every three months to discuss how to ensure that all elderly residents do not feel isolated from their local communities.

The forum was launched by Councillor Nikki Hennessey at the home in County Road on Friday (September 11) with an initial meeting attended by staff and managers from care homes across West Lancashire, local Dementia Friends Champion Joe Sherville, volunteers from the Alzheimer's Society and representatives from charities and community groups including Silverline, All About Dementia and Age UK, as well as the Babcock International Group, who provide vocational training.

Skelmersdale community singers and singer Sophie Bennett provided entertainment, while refreshments were provided by local company Marshside Teas.

The event was also attended by residents of the care homes, their friends and families.

Lesley Malone said: "There was a great turn–out for the event.

"I believe the forum is the answer to enhancing the quality of life of our elders, and ourselves, as we become elderly and hope to enjoy ourselves and age well.

"Meetings will be held every three months to discuss activities and events contacts, training and management involvement for elderly people, who may or may not be suffering from dementia, to ensure that they all have full community involvement and a great quality of life.

"It will also be for elderly people either suffering with dementia or age–related elderly memory loss and we will focus on the key theme of ageing well.

"We also want to share management and training to enhance the quality of life for elderly people who are living in care homes and also those living independently.

"Linking all of the services together to create a care forum is the answer to combating isolation and we want to make this happen for the community in West Lancashire.

"The Athena Health Care Group would like to thank all of the guests who attended the launch of the caring forum for West Lancashire."

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy and delegates and guests who attended the launch of the elderly care forum at Abbey Wood Lodge **Code1084181**

MP congratulates new Labour party leader

ROSIE Cooper has congratulated Jeremy Corbyn on his election as new leader of the Labour party.

The West Lancs MP said: "I congratulate Jeremy Corbyn on his victory. Winning in the first round gives him a clear mandate from party members, supporters, and affiliates on leading the party ahead of the 2020 General Election.

"The challenge is now to secure the support of people in constituencies across the country if we are to get rid of this Conservative government in five years time."

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West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper with campaigners at an earlier fundraising event
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£10,000 raised to fight tip ruling but more needed

CAMPAIGNERS have raised £10,000 in donations and pledges in their bid to mount a legal challenge to the secretary of state's decision to grant development consent to the proposed Whitemoss hazardous waste tip extension.

But the people behind the fundraising want more and they are aiming to collect another £10,000.

In May, the minister, Greg Clark, made his decision which will see 150,000 tonnes of hazardous waste disposed annually in the town until 2035.

Since then campaigners have been seeking to stage a judicial review to Mr Clark's announcement. Their evidence has been looked at by a barrister and lawyers and they believe that it is worth taking the case to the next stage.

The case has been included on the crowdfunding website CrowdJustice, which appeals to the public to donate to the legal costs. The founder of the site is Julia Salasky, who was a lawyer at the United Nations.

Claire Robinson from campaign group, Arrow–No Whitemoss Landfill, said: "We've raised £10,000 in donations and pledges for the legal challenge. However, we estimate that we'll need to raise another £10,000 over the next year to fund the case and it could be more.

"Our fundraisers have events planned for later in the year to raise more money. People have dug deep into their pockets to enable the legal case to go ahead and we are very grateful, especially given the fact that this is a deprived area. It shows the strength of feeling against the plan to extend Whitemoss."

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Students' kindness helps Twinkle House

Midstream students Jordan, Michael and Jo present the cheque to Ian Appleton and volunteer Vera. Also pictured are Midstream learning support assistants Rachel and Jess. Code1084156

STUDENTS from Midstream activity and learning centre's Pathways to Adulthood programme have raised £220 for local charity Twinkle House as part of a project promoting kindness.

The project involved a number of different activities, including handing out free plants to passers–by in Ormskirk and renovating a local café's garden.

Students then designed and made their own kindness logos and used these to produce their own bags, key–rings, magnets and coasters, which they subsequently sold at various events in the local community.

At the end of the project, they voted to donate the money raised to Twinkle House as many of the students, who have learning disabilities, had previously used the charity's sensory facilities and felt that this was an appropriate and worthy cause.

Pathways tutor, Nicola Dilworth, said: "The students did a fantastic job and I was particularly impressed with their creativity and the professionalism of their designs."

Midstream students Jordan, Michael and Joanne presented the donation to Twinkle House's service manager Ian Appleton.

The students are now looking forward to their next project which will be based around planning and organising an afternoon tea.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Pedestrianisation has been costly for Ormskirk

I HAVE worked in Ormskirk town centre for 41 years.

I started work in Aughton Street in 1974, pre–pedestrianisation, when the town centre was a bustling, thriving area full of traffic and a huge assortment of shops. In addition, we had the market on Thursdays and Saturdays which was held alongside the traffic passing through, all of which seemed to work successfully.

The decision was made to pedestrianise the town and we had front row seats of the whole procedure. The town may well have been safer for people without the cars, but almost from day one there was what appeared to be at least weekly, if not at times daily, visits by 'the men with the truck' who would cement/re–cement/re–lay/amend/dig up/remove/replace the stonework which had been laid along the town centre streets. There will be men who have had an entire career being responsible for maintaining the pedestrianised areas.

In 1996 I moved to an office on Derby Street where I still work today and although I may not be able to observe the daily maintenance of the town I am still well aware of what goes on.

Over recent months we have had the re–jigging of Moor Street at great disruption to the poor shopkeepers/businesses and the weekly market traders located there – not forgetting the people who come to the town to shop. I have avoided the area when possible and I am sure a lot of people have been of a like mind.

So along came the 'completion' of the work and what happens? We have a lady stumbling in one of the gulleys. Colleagues of mine had already commented on the depth of the gulleys and how dangerous they appeared to be. We ourselves had 'wobbled' when walking on or near the gulleys and had discussed wheelchairs/pushchairs and visually impaired people and how they would be affected. Now we have the evidence that there is indeed already a problem with the new area.

The council are thinking of painting the areas white – how quaint! That will certainly fix the problem – not! I would take a guess that this will not be the answer and I suspect 'the men with the truck' will appear any day now to dig up and relay the areas under discussion.

I wonder just how much pedestrianisation has cost our town to date, not to mention how much it is going to cost in the years to come?

Have the council considered 'throwing down some tarmac' in the town centre? This is what they do on all our roads which then seem to receive little maintenance despite the daily pounding by vehicles. Surely the feet of people would be more comfortable walking on a bit of old tarmac with a few of ye–olde 'grids' thrown in – less slippy, no deep gulleys etc.

Whilst I work towards my retirement I look forward to observing the ongoing antics of the 'improvements' to Ormskirk town centre.

Anne Burt, Croft Avenue, Burscough

PICTURE of the week

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Sailing on into the night

Daylight fades over Southport's Marine Lake to signal the start of the nightshift for competitors in last weekend's 24 hour yacht race.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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We should be looking to reduce our population not take in more people

THE present debate about the refugee crisis is 18 years too late.

The last Labour government were responsible for letting in three million immigrants.

The fact is that the UK is massively overpopulated as a result, as can be seen by the shortage of houses and crowded roads.

We should be aiming to reduce our population by some 30 million.

Rather than allowing immigrants into the UK we should encourage people to leave and have less children.

As a result of the last Labour government's policy there are now eight million UK residents not born in the UK.

To begin with we should seek out and expel all people who have no right to be here – such as those granted citizenship through fake weddings and illegally gaining citizenship through false documentation.

Also, we should tighten up our asylum criteria and expel all those given asylum under the current loose criteria – asylum should be limited to those who have been threatened.

Anyone who commits a crime in the UK should have their citizenship withdrawn and stop this nonsense of a right to family life. To add to our problem, immigrants tend to have larger families.

With the present situation in Calais, anyone caught trying to enter the UK illegally should be returned to their country of origin.

I am worried about the German government's policy of granting asylum to people from Iraq as they will then be eligible to come to our overcrowded island.

All the refugees come from countries that have had massive population increases over the last 50 years and have damaged their own countries because of this. I do not see why the UK and Europe have to suffer.

J. M. Berry, Ormskirk

Refugees deserve our compassion

MANY people must have felt ashamed that our government has only reluctantly agreed to accept a limited number of refugees from areas like Syria and North Africa.

Germany and other countries have shown true compassion in welcoming more of these desperate people who risk their lives and the lives of their families to escape from war and terror.

Our local councils could surely arrange to give shelter to a moderate number. And some generous people would gladly offer an unused room to accommodate some of those who have survived a perilous journey leaving their homeland behind.

Charities like the Red Cross could co–ordinate these efforts.

Lots of people have already made donations to international appeals for help. Well done!

Maurice George, Yew Tree Road, Ormskirk

Why are cyclists and motorists allowed to flout the law with impunity?

I WOULD like to know why the two signs prohibiting cycling in Ormskirk town centre – one opposite the post office and one opposite the police station – have been taken down.

A law was passed in 1835 banning cyclists from all pavements.

And why are cars allowed to park on pavements and the drivers not fined?

It has cost me hundreds to rip up the car–damaged flags in my road and replace them with tar.

This is just one road in one town so what has it cost councils all over the country? It must have run into millions – and all paid for by our council tax!

Is it any wonder that the council has no money left for potholes in the roads?

Redgate, Ormskirk resident of 57 years

Parking chaos takes joy out of shopping

I WONDER if someone could please explain the parking regulations to me in Ormskirk town centre?

It appears that anyone can park anywhere regardless if it is double yellow lines or disabled spaces. There seems to be no–one checking parking on double yellow lines at all.

This town is in such a mess that there is no joy at all in shopping in Ormskirk any more. The congestion with traffic is getting worse by the day and now parking is just a joke.

What a shame that Ormskirk is ruined and no one cares any more.

Mary Agnew, Ormksirk

Please don't tar all landlords with same brush

I WOULD like to respond to the front–page article headed 'Students bullied by landlords – claims union' (Champion, September 9).

I am a responsible landlord of student housing in Ormskirk and I would like to remind all the Champion readers that we are definitely not all the same.

I do my best by my tenants and I will pick up the phone to them with any concerns at all times, all year.

I am prepared to help them and will let them move in early to get settled before the term starts.

I would not charge them extortionate, rip–off charges.

And I have seen some other landlords' flats after some students have moved out and I would think that some of the students being charged fees – although not at the prices named as these are too high – would have deserved to lose some of their deposit.

Keep an open mind, some of us are very reasonable.

Disappointed landlord, Ormskirk

Don't be so cheeky!

I TAKE umbridge with what David Symonds said about Birch Green being 'neglected and filthy' (Letters, July 29).

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Parish councillor threatened with fine after canal clean–up!

By **Danielle Thompson**

Misunderstanding over rubbish bags led to fly–tipping accusation

A PARISH councillor who spent two hours removing six bags of weeds and rubbish from a canal bridge in his spare time was incensed when he was threatened with a fine for 'fly–tipping' by a borough council employee!

Burscough parish councillor Brian Bailey decided to spend the weekend weeding out grass, silt and rubbish from the Leeds–Liverpool canal near to the bridge on Liverpool Road North after he noticed that the bank was becoming overgrown with weeds.

But after filling six bags of rubbish and placing them on the nearest grit bin to pick up later on he was approached by a cleaning operative from West Lancs Council who told him to shift them immediately or else!

Cllr. Bailey said: "I realised that the bank by the canal bridge was becoming really untidy and overgrown so I went down and gave my time up to sort it out. It took me more than two hours because it was full of weeds, silt, mud, grass and all sorts growing in it.

"The bags were so heavy with the rubbish that I ended up using six and leaving them half full. I was putting them on top of the nearest grit bin to collect the next day when a West Lancs Borough Council street cleaner came over and told me that if I didn't remove the bags immediately, I would be done for fly–tipping!

Apology

"I was absolutely incensed – how dare he suggest I was doing something wrong, when, in fact, I was helping my community!

"When I explained the situation to him he did apologise and the council ended up picking the bags up for me the next morning but really it's quite appalling and it's coming to something that I could have done the job myself and then been fined for it!"

A spokesman for the borough council said: "Keeping the borough clean and tidy is a priority for the council and we encourage staff to speak to people who are seen leaving waste in public places in case rubbish is being fly–tipped. In this case the staff member acted appropriately in approaching parish councillor Brian Bailey.

"Once it was clear what was happening the borough council worker was happy to assist Councillor Brian Bailey with the removal of the bags of rubbish.

"The borough council regularly assists parish councils with clean–up activities in their areas. If he had informed us of what he was doing in advance we would have been happy to assist. Fly–tipping is a serious criminal offence and offenders can face fines of up to £50,000 for dumping household, commercial or industrial waste."

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Bus firms need to get timing right

IF you live anywhere between Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Walton, chances are you are aware of the recent changes to bus services Arriva have made – and the waves of anger, particularly in Lydiate, that they have caused.

If you live elsewhere though, basically what has happened is that Arriva have scrapped their 311 service (which goes back certainly for 60 years), leaving Lydiate village with no bus link to Ormskirk.

Now, I have quite a lot of time for Arriva – and public transport in general. I can understand the commercial reasons for their decision – though perhaps the company could give consideration at least to provide some sort of service through Lydiate to Ormskirk on market days, Thursday and Saturday.

No, it's not the service changes that I find unforgivable – it's the efforts of whoever works out the timetables for the revised bus routes we now have through Aintree and Maghull that leave me totally gob–smacked.

The service revisions should mean that we still have four through buses an hour into Liverpool, with four in the opposite direction to Ormskirk and Skelmersdale (service 310) and Southport (the 300).

Trouble is, the timetable doesn't work out like that – actually it simply doesn't work at all.

From my local bus stop traveling away from Liverpool the 310 is timed to arrive at 3 and 33 minutes past each hour.

But guess what. The 300 should arrive at 4 and 34 minutes past (apart from Saturdays when they are apparently due at the stop at exactly the same time.

In the opposite direction they are due at exactly the same time as each other every hour.

This means two things. First, we do not have four buses an hour – effectively we have only two.

Secondly, as I was told by a prospective woman passenger, if they do arrive together then one stops, passengers alighting and boarding, and the other simply overtakes leaving its would–be clients with another half–hour wait.

I understand why Arriva introduced the route changes and I realise that since the 310 service links into the integrated service between Ormskirk and Skelmersdale it would therefore be difficult to change its times.

But as far as I know, the 300 is a 'stand alone' service which surely could be moved forwards (or backwards) by 15 minutes, so providing a proper 15–minute frequency?

I suspect that the times have been set by the respective depots that provide buses for the two services – Southport for the 300, Bootle for the 310. But surely the two talk to each other from time to time?

In fact, the situation in Maghull is even worse. As well as the two Arriva buses both arriving at stops around the hour and half–past, the Maghull Merseytravel 'circular' service, the 232, is timed at 32 minutes past and on three occasions during the day the 236 bus to Aintree Hospital is due at 29 or 59 minutes past! Not Arriva's fault – but very confusing.

Talking of Merseytravel, as far as bus services go, does this organisation have no business with local bus services apart from services such as the 232 and 236?

When a commercial bus company notifies them of service changes do they not even glance at the proposed timetables and can they not comment upon them?

The situation vis–a–vis the timing of the 300 and 311 is thoroughly irritating and needs fixing.

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Alison 'converts' her sporting dream into a business reality

Former West Lancs College student goes from helping out at local rugby club to opening her own physiotherapy clinic

Report by **Henry James**

A FORMER West Lancashire College student who first got interested in sporting injuries and therapy as a teenager by helping out at a local rugby club has achieved her dream of opening a physiotherapy clinic.

After completing her BTEC at the college Alison Houghton from Dalton went on gain a Bachelor of Science in sports therapy at the University of Central Lancashire.

Now she is putting her experience and qualifications to good use at her own clinic called Sport Spa in Appley Bridge, specialising in sports therapy, holistic and rehabilitation treatments.

Alison was 14 when she first started getting involved in physiotherapy by 'shadowing' Steve McDonald – who later became her sports therapy tutor at West Lancashire College – at Tarleton Rugby Club.

She said: "I enjoyed the experience so much at the rugby club that I decided to study for a BTEC in sports therapy at West Lancashire College. During my time there I gained so many qualifications, including a Treatment of Sport Injuries in Football Level 2 qualification through the FA.

Alison with mentor Steve McDonald

"Steve and the college were such a big help. Steve was easily the best tutor I had and he and the college took a genuine interest in helping me get to where I am today."

Steve commented: "Alison was an excellent student with great attendance and great attitude. She always volunteered for external events to help the college and gain some experience. I really can't praise her enough and I'm really proud to see how successful she has become."

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University record label shortlisted for award

By Danielle Thompson

EDGE Hill University's own record label has made the shortlist of a national award.

The non–profit enterprise, The Label Recordings, has been shortlisted alongside five other institutions in the Excellence and Innovation in the Arts category of the Times Higher Education Award.

The winner will be announced at a ceremony in London on Thursday, November 26.

The Label Recordings was set up in November 2013 by lecturers, Carl Hunter and Clare Heney, as an innovative means of promoting student employability in the notoriously closed–off music industry.

Through mentoring, shadowing and tutoring, the label operates like an industry placement. Student volunteers from various degree disciplines work across fluid teams in A&R (artist scouting), music and video production, marketing, event management and graphic design.

It has propelled Edge Hill from a relative unknown in the music industry to one of higher education's most credible voices in popular music.

The record label has had four signings so far –The Inkhearts, Hooton Tennis Club, The Little Secrets and SeaWitches.

All artists have received international airplay including on BBC Radio 2 and BBC 6 Music.

Hooton Tennis Club have now signed a record deal with Heavenly Recordings, been named NME's Band of the Week, received airplay on BBC Radio 1 and obtained a coveted slot at Glastonbury Festival 2015.

No other university record label in the last 10 years can match the level of music industry exposure achieved by The Label Recordings.

Roy Bayfield, director of corporate communications at Edge Hill, said: "I'm delighted. The shortlisting recognises the hard work and creative vision from students, staff and artists which has been constant since the project's inception.

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Still time to have a say on council's licensing policy on gambling

Report by **Henry James**

THERE is still time for people to give their views on the borough council's draft licensing policy on gambling.

The council is inviting people and businesses to comment on the document which will set out how it will continue to exercise its powers under the Gambling Act 2005.

A public consultation is being held until Friday, October 16 so people can give their views to ensure the draft document reflects the opinions of residents and businesses in the borough.

The council has made changes to the policy to reflect the changes in legislation relating to licensed gambling across the borough, including betting shops and bingo halls.

The draft policy can be found on the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing.

Councillor Kevin Wright, cabinet member for health and community safety, said: "We are very grateful to everyone who has responded to the consultation so far.

"It's essential that we get as much feedback from local people and businesses as possible to ensure our licensing policy remains a practical working document, so if you haven't given your views already please let us know what you think.

"The draft document has considerable changes from the current policy which sets out how we exercise our powers in this area. We have placed more emphasis on the issues in the locality of licensed operations and how such businesses are expected to meet the requirements of the legislation. All the views we receive will be assessed by members and will help shape the final policy."

Councillor Kevin Wright

The council has also contacted the police, the Gambling Commission, representatives of the licensed trade and cultural organisations to get a wide range of views across the borough.

All comments received will be presented to the licensing and gambling committee and the full council for the members' consideration.

To view of a copy of the draft policy, visit the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk /licensing. A limited number of hard copies are also available on request.

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In West Lancashire the centre is at JMO Sports Park in Skelmersdale.

The programme uses football terminology to lead the 'players' (service users) through 11 weekly 'matches' (sessions), looking at different techniques that can be used to help improve their overall health and wellbeing.

It is held at venues across Lancashire and teaches various Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) techniques to help the 'players' understand their thoughts and help them work towards improving their mental health.

Emma Nazurally

Emma Nazurally, Mindsmatter Service manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Traditionally, men are a difficult audience to reach when it comes to discussing mental health due to obstacles such as stigma around the topic which can get in the way or stop men seeking advice and talking about their problems.

"Goal Difference provides a great way to specifically target men and encourage them to seek help in a safe environment which many will be able to relate to. It is important that men are aware of the services available to them to help deal with mental health issues so they don't suffer in silence."

Anyone wanting to find out more about the Mindsmatter service can self–refer to their local team who will set up a preliminary appointment to discuss a jointly agreed care programme, or contact their GP who can make a referral on their behalf.

For details of your local Mindsmatter team visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/Mindsmatter.

Help is at hand for students too...

STUDENTS are being urged to call a care trust's helpline if they are feeling low.

The start of a new academic year can be daunting for those having to make new friends or being away from home for the first time.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline provides information on a range of issues including domestic violence, sleeping problems and eating disorders.

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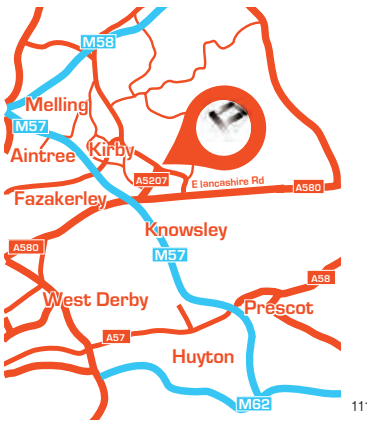

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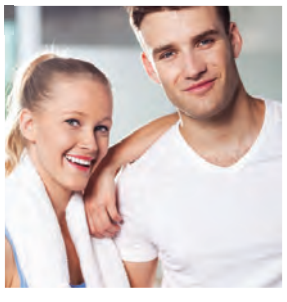

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Walkers stride out for church fund

A GROUP of walkers raised more than £100 for a local church with a sponsored trek around West Lancs.

The walk was organised and led by Lathom Park trustee and South Lathom parish councillor, Andrew Beeston, in aid of St James Church, Westhead.

The group started at the Plough Inn in Lathom and stopped off at the church en route for refreshments provided by the ladies of the church in return for a small donation.

All the proceeds, £108, will go towards the church decorating fund.

• RIGHT: The group setting off from the Plough Inn.

Launch date for book initiative

MORE than 120 primary school teachers from throughout Lancashire are expected to attend the official launch of an initiative which aims to encourage reading among youngsters in the county.

The Fantastic Book Awards will be launched by children's author Mo O'Hara at the Woodlands Conference Centre in Chorley on Wednesday, September 23.

Running until May 2016 and involve thousands of children from the county's schools, awards aim to support reading for pleasure and enjoyment by introducing newly–published fiction titles to nine to 11–year–old pupils, and encourage them to meet and discuss them at informal book clubs.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire's cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "This is a tremendous initiative which has my full support. Research tells us that interest in reading sadly declines considerably when children move on from primary to secondary school.

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"I really enjoyed reading when I was at school, and when I get time I still love nothing better than settling down with a good novel. We are fully committed to maintaining the high levels and standards of literacy here in Lancashire and I'll take a keen interest in who's won next May."

Mo O'Hara is the author of 'My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish' which was popular at last year's awards. As well as writing books, she has also scripted comedy sketches for Radio 4 and performs her own material.

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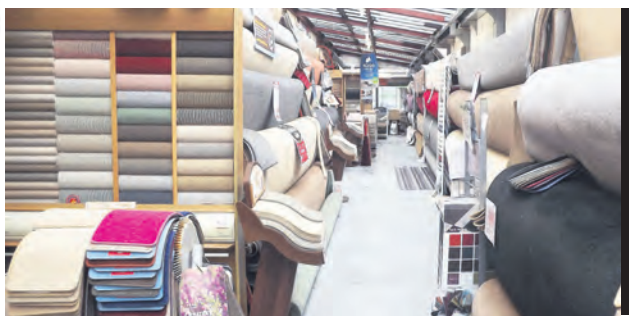

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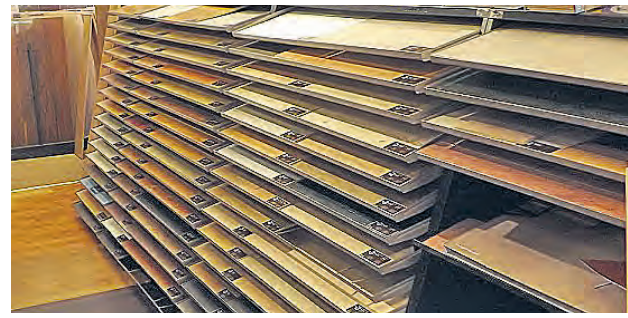

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National recognition for talented fencer

TALENTED local epee fencer, Richard Michell, has been awarded his British Cadet team colours.

The Scarisbrick Hall sixth form pupil has pursued his dream of fencing for the national cadet team for three years, narrowly missing out last year.

However, in January the 16–year–old returned to the selection circuit with a renewed determination to succeed and his hard work and perseverance have paid off with nomination for the Bonn International in November.

To gain a cadet (under–17) team place, a fencer must take part in the British Ranking Circuit tournaments. Selections are then made before each international based on the current rankings and the team typically consists of the top 10 to 15 fencers.

The complication of sitting his GCSEs reduced the number of tournaments Richard could realistically enter this year so he focused on events at Newcastle, Canterbury and Kidderminster (two).

Starting the season ranked 17th, he steadily improved his position at each competition and is currently 10th. He also successfully defended his under–16 regional title at the North West Youth Championships in March.

Richard proudly displays his British Cadet team colours flanked by Scarisbrcik Hall head teacher Mr Shaw and his fencing coach David Stobbs

Richard's dad, Paul, said: "So many people have helped Richard, both in the fencing world and beyond and he would not have been as successful without them. In particular the financial support from Lancashire County Council, Premier Wealth Management Ltd. and Nationwide Produce PLC have given him international standard equipment and enabled him to start receiving individual coaching throughout this summer.

"But most of all, credit must be given to David Stobbs whose coaching has really made a tremendous difference to Richard's performance, enabling him to compete at the top level of British youth fencing.

"Looking to the future Richard now needs to structure his schedule to match his international ambitions. His programme will have to be carefully combined with his A Level studies and require a much greater financial commitment to cover additional training and travel.

"This will be too large an expense to expect from a single organisation so Richard is hoping to form a group of sponsors to contribute at whatever level they feel comfortable with."

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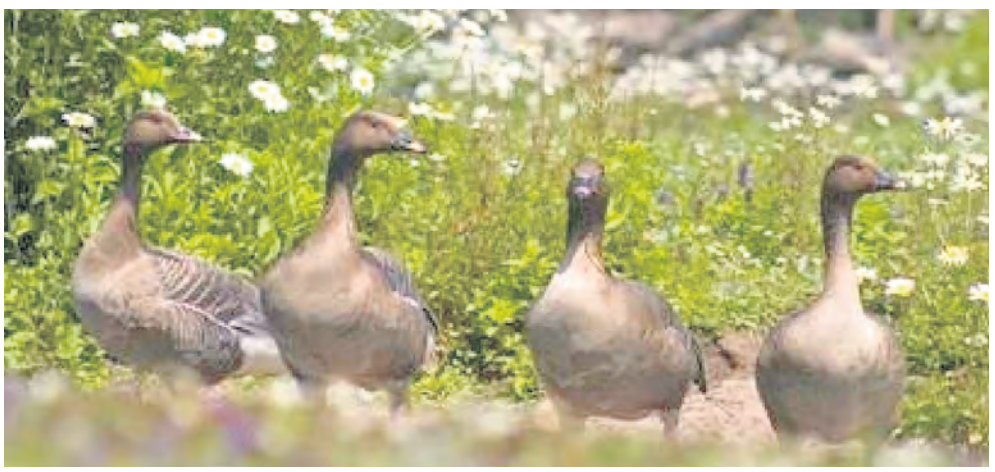
First 'Pinkies' wing into Martin Mere



Pink–footed geese have already been spotted at Martin Mere

THE first 22 pink–footed geese have arrived at Martin Mere Wetland Centre from Iceland.

West Lancs residents are expected to hear the calls of more than 100,000 of the protected birds over the next few weeks as the migration begins and the geese use the North West as a 'service station' to re–fuel before continuing south for the winter.

For the first time, this year, Martin Mere staff are offering late closings until 7pm every Wednesday and Saturday from September 23 to allow more visitors to catch a sighting of the pink–footed geese.

Martin Mere has been voted one of the top ten places to go and watch birds in Birdwatching magazine this month.

Reserve manager, Tom Clare, said: "The geese need perfect weather conditions to make the journey from Iceland and there is a change in the wind direction expected that may slow down the migration but we would expect up to 40,000 geese using the reserve by late September and throughout October.

"My most memorable moment here at Martin Mere was before dawn and I had come to work early to carry out a count of the pink–footed geese.

"I wandered sleepily down to the Ron Barker hide and could immediately hear the 'murmuring' of many 'Pinkies'.

"As I looked out of the hide, the two marshes were completely covered with geese. I don't actually think any more could fit on them.

"I was stunned at the sight and it took me a while to start counting, but the count revealed 25,000 geese – just from this hide.

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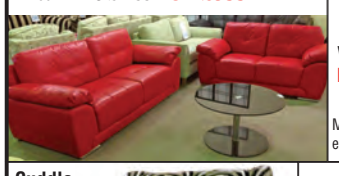

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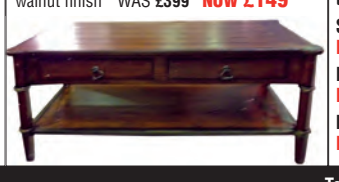

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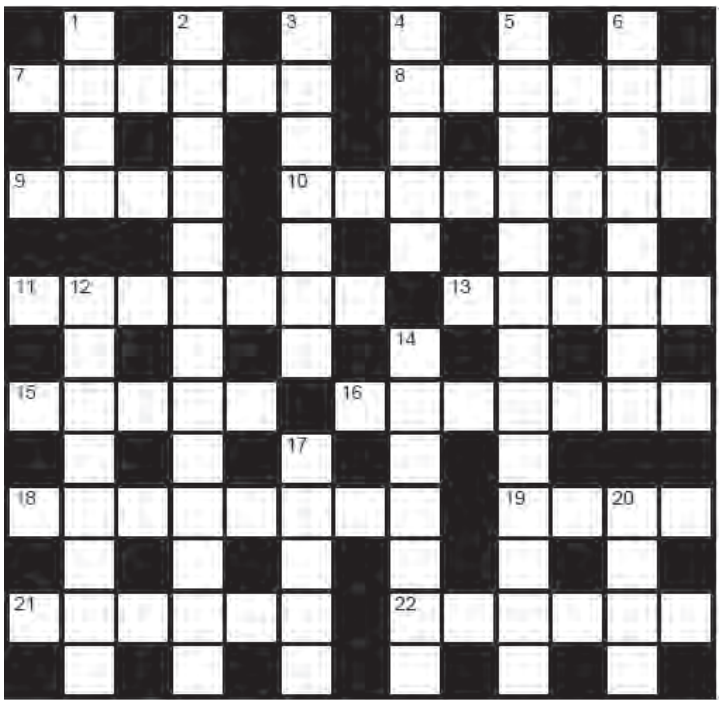

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ACROSS
7 Approaching, coming near (6)
8 Roman military unit (6)
9 Labour (4)
10 Compliant (8)
11 Unsteady with age (7)
13 Ugly, cave-dwelling creature in folklore (5)
15 Foul-smelling (5)
16 Actors' workplace (7)
18 Mythical Greek hero (8)
19 River that flows into the North Sea near Middlesbrough (4)
21 Land mass surrounded by water (6)
22 Untie (6)

DOWN
1 Emblem (4)
2 Careless (13)
3 Defer (7)
4 Musical composition for eight voices or instruments (5)
5 Series of events each influencing the next (5,8)
6 Cowboy or brand of jeans (8)
12 Cloudy (8)
14 Causing great horror or fear (7)
17 Forest clearing (5)
20 Water pitcher (4)

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Primary pupils celebrate Queen's record reign

EXCITED schoolchildren celebrated the Queen becoming the longest–reigning British monarch last week.

Staff at St Mark's Church of England Primary School in Scarisbrick held a party to mark the milestone on Wednesday, September 9 when the Queen surpassed her great–great grandmother, Queen Victoria's reign of 63 years and seven months.

Pupils dressed up in the colours of the Union Jack for the day and enjoyed activities including making bunting, crowns and hats, as well as finding out how the flag was designed and facts and history about the royal family.

One class cooked cakes similar to the traditional Victoria sponge and called it the Elizabeth sponge, while another wrote letters to the Queen thanking her for her hard work and congratulating her on her achievement.

Staff also put on a street party event at lunchtime, when all classes at the school, from nursery children to Year 6, toasted the Queen with non–alcoholic fizz, stood for the national anthem and shouted three big cheers for Her Majesty.

Party time as the pupils celebrate the Queen becoming our longest reigning monarch. Code1084123

Head teacher, Mrs Freeman, said: "Our school provides the highest quality of education but learning needs to be fun too. Wednesday, September 9 was an important day in our history, especially as we are a Church of England school and the Queen is the head of our church.

"Our traditional values are embedded into the daily life of our school and we knew the day needed to be marked. We wanted to show that St Mark's are waving the flag for her majesty and congratulating her on this amazing achievement."

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Patients have their say at care trust's learning event

Pictured at the event are Dr Warren Larkin, Dr Alison Brabban, Professor Heather Tierney Moore and Dr Geraldine Strathdee

PATIENTS from throughout the county were invited to a free shared learning event hosted by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to communicate the importance of improving patient and public involvement in early intervention services for mental illness.

The Improving Access to Psychological Therapies for Severe Mental Illness conference was open to service users, carers, commissioners and members of staff at the trust to showcase the way the Early Intervention Service (EIS) has developed and to speak to the public face to face about their experiences.

Service users also spoke about their ideas for future developments and co–facilitated some workshop sessions alongside clinicians from the service.

The event was well attended by delegates from across the country and key speakers, including Dr Geraldine Strathdee, national clinical director for mental health at NHS England, were on hand to talk to service users and hear about their experiences.

Dr Warren Larkin, consultant clinical psychologist for the EIS and clinical director for the children & families network at the trust, said: "This was a great opportunity for service users, carers and members of staff to witness the work that's taking place to improve the services, ask any questions or offer feedback and any suggestions they have."

Watchdogs' thumbs–up for budget 'shades'

COUNTY council watchdogs have given the thumbs–up to a range of budget sunglasses on sale in Lancashire after tests showed they offer good protection from the sun's most harmful rays.

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Borough's smokers urged to quit as countdown to Stoptober begins

WITH Stoptober only weeks away smokers in West Lancashire are being urged to sign up and quit the habit.

In Lancashire 19.8% of the population smokes, which is higher than the national average.

Figures showed that Lancashire County Council was the most successful local authority in the country in encouraging people to quit in 2014/15 but health chiefs are still keen to encourage more people to give up for good.

Stoptober is a national campaign organised by Public Health England and supported locally by Lancashire County Council.

County Councillor Lorraine Beavers, Lancashire's lead member for health, said: "Smoking is the major cause of poor health across Lancashire. More than 192,000 in the county people smoke and although this number is reducing year–on–year, that's still more than the national average. It's also a concern that 11% of young people smoke.

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Scheme offers chance for tots to tackle rugby

Report by **Holly Rummens**

THE Rugby World Cup kicks off this weekend with England facing Fiji at Twickenham on Friday (September 18) and now youngsters aged between two and seven are being given the chance to learn the basics of the sport with the re–launch of Rugbytots in Formby, Southport and Ormskirk.

The UK's first rugby–based play classes are re–starting in the area offering sessions for different age groups in the two to seven–year–old range in all aspects of the game, including running with the ball, finding space, kicking, catching, try–scoring and much more.

The men behind the re–launch are friends Will Gardner and Colin Bunting. The pals, who have played and coached rugby all of their adult lives, joined forces to launch Rugbytots for the benefit of the children on the Wirral in 2012 and have developed other areas subsequently.

They said: "This is an excellent chance to introduce rugby to a younger age group, in a fun, play setting whilst helping them to develop their physical, psychological and social skills."

All Rugbytots lead coaches are paediatric first aiders, RFU qualified rugby coaches, DBS checked and trained to a high standard to ensure the children enjoy their time in a safe and organised environment.

Classes are up and running in Formby and Ormskirk and they offer a free taster session for youngsters to try it first.

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‘Rural Oscars’ are now open for nominations

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The awards, now in their 11th year, are voted for by the public. They recognise and honour all that’s best about enterprising rural businesses and those who routinely go the extra mile for their community or help to promote rural life.

Starting regionally, they build towards a national championship held at the Houses of Parliament in April 2016.

Categories reflect the diversity of rural business, embracing everything from farm shops, butchers and post offices to breweries, B&Bs and farm parks. They include Local Food & Drink, The Daily Telegraph Village Shop/ Post Office Awards, Butchers, Tourism and Enterprise.

Awards director, Jill Grieve, said: “We started the ‘Rural Oscars’ 11 years ago in order to give a voice and a platform to rural business and in that time they have become the gold standard of rural awards.

“They are, of course, about our produce and communities but more than that they are about the people whose contribution to rural life and the rural economy can never be over–stated.

“These awards are a true celebration of rural life and business so I urge everyone to get behind their businesses and help us shine a spotlight on their efforts.”

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Playful pup’s ‘tiger hunt’ captured on camera

CHASING a tiger isn’t usually the safest pastime but thankfully the striped feline that Border collie pup Riker is pictured in pursuit of here was of the stuffed toy variety!

The fun snap was submitted by keen amateur lensman, Andrew Barton.

It was one of a series taken by the marketing agency boss, who is hoping to launch a photography business in the future, of the family’s 12–week–old pet in the garden of their Burscough home.

Andrew Barton’s photograph of his dog Riker

Andrew said: “Obviously, I wouldn’t normally condone hunting with dogs, but I thought this image of my Border Collie puppy Riker ‘taking down’ a tiger was quite funny.”

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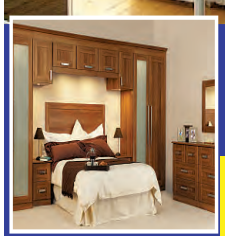
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Russell Watson: Southport is a place close to my heart

The singer told Champion reporter Henry James of his incredible journey from working men's clubs to world star – and why he likes performing in the resort he knows so well

Russell Watson will be singing at Southport Theatre next month.

CLASSICAL singer Russell Watson, known as The Voice, is promising an intimate concert when he returns to perform at Southport Theatre.

It is 11 years since he sang in the resort in front of thousands of people at the Summer Classics in Victoria Park and the 48–year–old newly–wed has fond memories of the show.

The Salford born singer told The Champion: "There must have been eight or nine thousand people there and it was a superb concert.

"The night I performed it was a beautiful sunny day and the place was packed to the rafters. It was a fantastically memorable day.

"I have done a couple of charity nights there more recently. Southport is a place close to my heart. My dear old gran used to take me there on a train as a kid. We would go to the fair and go on the beach."

Speaking about his concert in Southport on Tuesday, October 6 with his Up Close and Personal tour he said: "I want each person to feel that each performances is designed specially for them.

"I hope the fans will come and be drawn in by the performance and feel they have been on a bit of a journey with me."

It was two years after the Summer Classics concert in Southport that the singer was diagnosed with a pituitary tumour. He had an operation to remove it but the tumour returned and had to be removed again and he was in a critical condition for a time.

"I was more concerned about my young children and how they were dealing it," he said. "I was thinking if they were to lose me how would they manage without me. But thank God I got through it and I now feel as good as I have ever been."

The singer started out on a Youth Opportunities Programme as a bolt–cutter and sang at clubs in the north west to earn extra money.

He believes the turning point of his career came when he appeared at Wigan Road Working Men's Club in Leigh and the venue's secretary said he should add Nessun Dorma to his repertoire. Since than Watson has sung for royalty and US presidents and has performed at some iconic locations such as the Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona and Buckingham Palace. He lists singing for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in Rome as one of the highlights of his career.

He said: "When I performed I had 140 musicians roaring behind me, along with a choral section of 500.

"In the front row there were 3,500 specially invited dignitaries from across Europe. The Pope was in his own private box.

"There were also half a billion people watching on television.

"I looked around and thought I used to sing at a working men's club in Leigh!"

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Senior police pair honoured at annual 'Supers' conference

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TWO senior police officers from Lancashire have been recognised for their work in protecting vulnerable people and the force's use of IT respectively.

Detective Superintendent Sue Cawley received the President's Leadership Award and Superintendent Richard Robertshaw won the Excellence in Policing Award at the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales (PSAEW) annual conference this month.

Sponsored by Police Mutual, the annual awards are judged by the president and vice–president of the association and recognise the achievements of superintendents and chief superintendents and their contribution to policing.

As head of the public protection unit at Lancashire Constabulary, Det. Supt. Cawley has led improvements to services for vulnerable people. Her work to develop relationships with victims' families and work closely with many partners and charities has improved trust in the police and officers and staff have been able to learn from these experiences.

Her work has been recognised and acknowledged in a number of inspections by HMIC around domestic abuse and a national inquiry into child sexual exploitation.

Supt. Richard Robertshaw, the force's head of ICT, was nominated for improving the force's use of technology "beyond recognition" with achievements including the introduction of technology to support mobile working and a child abuse investigation database that was the first of its kind in the country.

He has also introduced a 'partnering with expertise' working arrangement between the police and BT in Lancashire which has given the force the flexibility to bring in professional ICT expertise where needed, without committing to a full outsourcing deal.

PSAEW president, Chief Superintendent Irene Curtis, said: "I was delighted to read the nominations for Sue and Richard. They are very different areas of work but both incredibly important.

"Sue's work is the very reason we have a police service and is clearly making a real difference to people who need our help, while Richard's work makes sure that the police can do the things they need to do every day to keep people safe."

'Blue' campaign calls on men to check for cancer symptoms

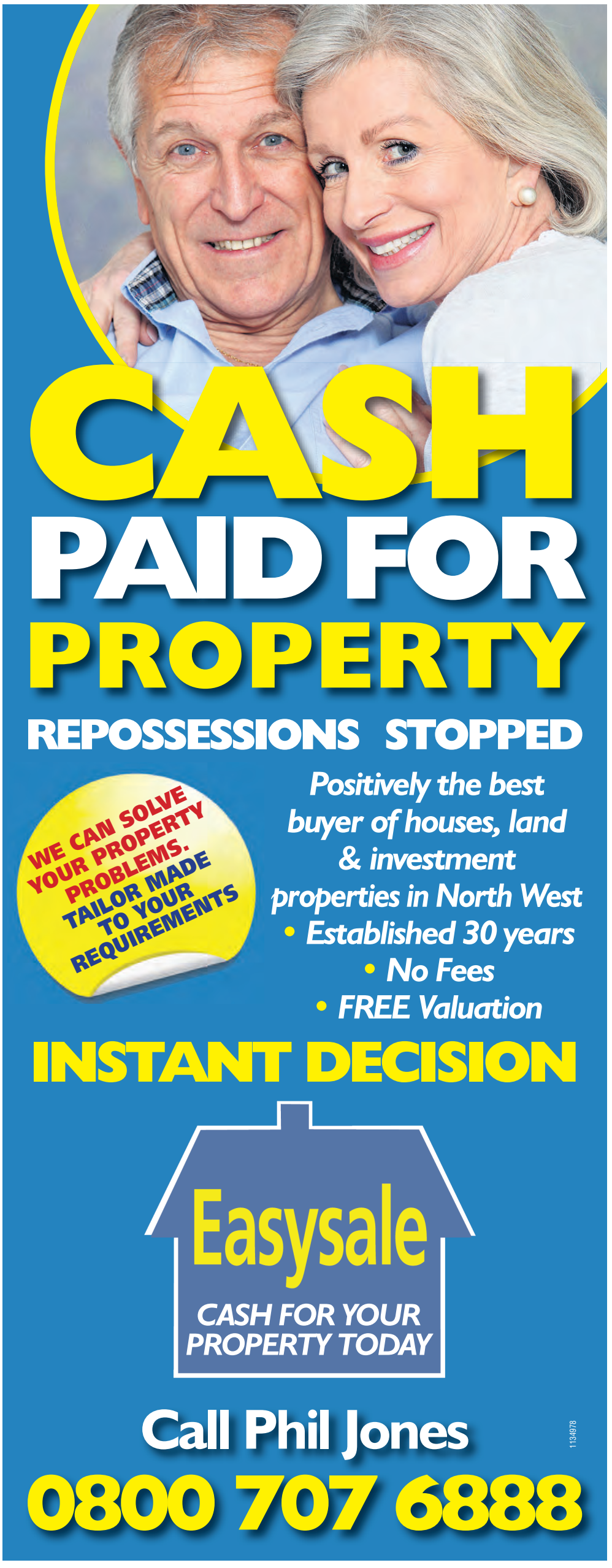
MEN in West Lancashire are being reminded of the importance of having symptoms of male cancers checked.

The Communities Against Cancer Team at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is supporting the Blue September campaign which runs throughout this month and aims to raise awareness of cancer in men.

It calls on men to take preventative action by improving their health and wellbeing and educates them about the importance of early diagnosis and recognising signs and symptoms.

Men are more likely to delay going to their GP with symptoms of cancer leading to poor outcomes.

Blue September highlights the importance of discussing health concerns with a GP sooner.



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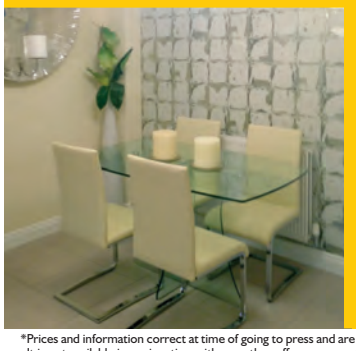

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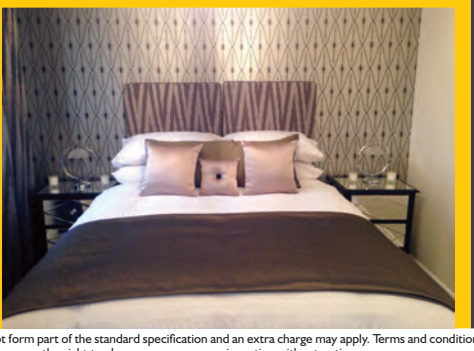

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Picture House to screen Kenneth Branagh Live

PARBOLD Picture House has announced that it will be screening Kenneth Branagh Live, three productions from the new Kenneth Branagh's Theatre Company at The Garrick Theatre in London's West End.

Branagh will present a series of plays that bring together a remarkable group of actors led by Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi, Lily James and Richard Madden.

The Picture House will present Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale, starring Kenneth Branagh and Judi Dench on Thursday, November 26 at 7pm.

Later productions include Romeo and Juliet in July 2016 and John Osborne's The Entertainer in October 2016.

The Picture House will also present the National Theatre– Bristol Old Vic production of Charlotte Bronte's classic novel Jane Eyre over one evening on Thursday, December 8 at 7pm.

The original production was devised by the Bristol Company and presented over two evenings. It received positive reviews and this production promises to repeat the experience.

Opera Australia's spectacular production of Verdi's AIDA in Sydney harbour where the opera is set in Ancient Egypt will now be presented on Tuesday, September 22 at 7pm.

The date has been moved on a week from that originally scheduled.

For further information or to purchase tickets visit the Box Office at www.parboldpicturehouse.org, by phone at 01275 463878, or in person: Doors open at 6.30pm.

Judi Dench Code NA

Folk–rock band head to Atkinson

THE Brighton–based folk–rock band who are known for incorporating prog, pop and classical elements to original effect head to The Atkinson.

With strings, guitars, drums, bassoon and synths, Moulettes' music weave between Indie Folk, Chamber Pop and Prog Rock to create a unique sound.

Renowned for their live shows it is clear that few bands have the creative range and work ethic of Moulettes.

They were nominated in the Best Group category in the BBC's Alternative BRIT Awards and won the equivalent category in the Fatea Awards 2012 and the 2013 Spiral Earth Awards.

They are constantly evolving with a brave approach to production and arrangement that seeks peculiar ways of blending acoustic and electric instruments; for example, putting Bassoons and strings through effects and distortion.

Leading from the Cello, female songwriter and virtuosic player Hannah Miller creates another worldly framework in which characters move between the realms of Nature, Magic and Science.

Moulettes are live at The Atkinson at 7.30pm today (Wednesday, September 16). Tickets are available online at theatkinson.co.uk, or on 01704 533333.

Company to hit stage again

THE cast and crew of BOS Musical Theatre Company are about to hit the stage once again at Southport's Little Theatre, in their latest production of Oliver.

The cockney accents of the children and adults, hollering, cajoling and selling on the streets of London are all but some of the experiences in store in this production.

Jamie Lester, NODA award winner with BOS, returns to the stage as the much loved and roguish Fagin, with his band of half–pint friends in their hovel of a residence.

The shows formidable Bill Sykes played by Carl Sedman, keeps Nancy on her toes and Fagin on the jittery edge of protecting his growing treasures.

Show's director Liz Clarke, has nurtured and developed the cast to produce a well–placed show that aims to have their audiences enthralled.

BOS' lead character, secondary school student Thomas Corcoran – used to being on the stage – plays Oliver. Oliver tries hard to keep up with his new friend, Artful Dodger, played by Lucas Frost. Mr Bumble is played by Ian Lawson and Widow Corney by Patricia Tissot

There is no doubt the show's cast are excited to be a part of this production and it is evident in their commitment to the weekly rehearsals.

Karen Parkinson, the show's choreographer, has been challenged for this musical.

The production will be at the Little Theatre, Southport from October 3 to 10 inclusive. There is a matinee on Saturday 10 at 2pm.

For more information logonto www.BOSmtc.co.uk or call the theatre booking office for tickets, daily at 11am – 2.30pm from September 26 on: 01704 530521.

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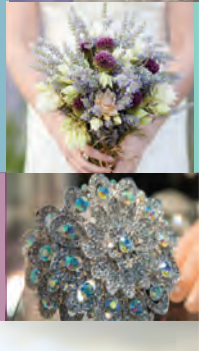

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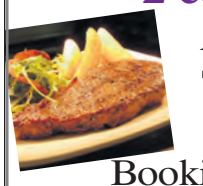

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While training at the Kirsty Moss School of Theatre & Dance, Olivia Jones achieved outstanding high marks in her dance and theatre exams and has been chosen by the International Dance Teachers Association to once again compete with other exceptional students from all around the world in the International Theatre and dance awards in Manchester next February. Olivia took part in the Ballet awards last February and did brilliantly and now Kirsty and all the school are looking forward to seeing her take part in the tap awards next year.
She has recently graduated from The Kirsty Moss School of Theatre and Dance to embark on her next step of dance and theatre training at College. She gained a place at the prestigious dance school, The Hammond in Cheshire and also at The Elliott Clarke College in Liverpool which she is now very happy to be attending. Kirsty and Mrs Moss would like to wish Olivia the best of luck with her next chapter at college and are delighted that she has been chosen to compete at the dance awards again.

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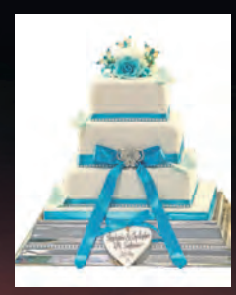

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DEATHS

Evans Alan

1st September 2015

Peacefully in hospital aged 89 years

Dearly beloved husband of the late Eileen. Much loved dad to June and son-in-law to Graham. Dear grandad and great-grandad. Funeral Service and Committal will take place on Friday 18th September 2015 at 1.20pm at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Stocks Hall Care Home Ltd. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough L40 5UU. Tel 01704 897770. 1143672

DEATHS

MALIA HILDA

9th September 2015, peacefully with her loving family beside her, aged 78 years

Loving wife of the late James. A much loved mum, nan and great-grandma. Hilda will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends. Funeral Service will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Burscough on Friday 18th September 2015 at 3.00pm followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers or donations if so desired are being gratefully received by the family for Queenscourt Hospice or Cancer Research UK. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770. 1143783

DEATHS

Golding Catherine Ethel

Aged 58 years

8th September 2015. Passed away peacefully at Silverbirch Nursing Home.

Beloved wife of Derek. Loving mother of Alan, Richard, Steven and Tricia. Devoted grandma to all her eight grandchildren. Funeral service to take place on Friday 18th September 2015 at 12.40pm at Southport Crematorium. Donations if so desired for Macmillan Nurses and Cancer Research. All enquiries to FJ Gibb Funeral Directors, 6A Clarence Road, Southport PR8 4BH. Tel: 01704 551666 1143717

DEATHS

Morgan Jean

9th September 2015

Peacefully in hospital Aged 81 years

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DEATHS

HUNTON MARILYN ANN R-I-P

3rd September 2015

Aged 74 years

Dearly loved wife of Michael, amazing mother to Michelle and Leonie, beloved grandma to Amelia, Lawrence, Prudence, Primrose and Montgomery. Marilyn will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 17th September at 1:20pm. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086. 1143737

DEATHS

Newton Elizabeth Ellen

4th September 2015 Peacefully aged 78 years.

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DEATHS

RIGBY MAUREEN (nee Hanlon)

10th September 2015, aged 81 years, peacefully at home

A dearly loved wife of Jim, a precious mum to Paul and Val, a dear nana to Alex and Sian, she will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Our hearts are filled with memories
Which we gather through the years
All the happy times we shared
Are treasured souvenirs
Forever a family of Six

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DEATHS

WARD Veronica (Ronnie)

on 8th September 2015

Loving wife to Michael, cherished mother to Jacqui, Michael (Decd), Tony, Julie and Lynn, dear mother in law to George and Billy, devoted grandmother to Tony, Natalie, Ashliegh, Paddy and Milly, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. God saw her getting tired, a cure was not to be, he wrapped her in his loving arms and whispered "Come with me". She suffered much in silence, her spirit did not bend. She faced her pain with courage until the very end, she tried so hard to stay with us, but her fight was not in vain. God took her to his loving home and freed her from her pain. Funeral service will take place at St. Helen's Crematorium on Thursday 17th September at 11.00am. all enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. 1143805

DEATHS

AXON James Norman "Norman"

12th September 2015

Aged 83 years Peacefully in Southport hospital

Beloved husband of Barbara, much loved dad to Carol, father-in-law to Neil, loving grandad to Daniel, dear brother to Les and brother-in-law to Betty. Norman will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Grateful thanks to Doctors and staff at The Grange Surgery and to the doctors and nurses on Ward 11B at Southport Hospital. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 21st September at 2.40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086. 1143786

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19th september 2004

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20th September 2014

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For he only takes the best.

Thank you for
the years we shared,
All the love you gave and
the way you cared,
To see you go
was hard to bear,
But now I know
you're in God's care.

Fond memories of my
beloved husband
From your ever
loving wife, Carol.

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IN MEMORIAM

Noonan Thomas (Tom)

In loving memory of a
dearly missed Husband,
Dad and Grandad

21 September 2014

We thought of you
with love today,
but that is nothing new,
We thought about you
yesterday and days
before that too,
we think of you in silence,
we often speak your name,
all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
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keepsake, with which
we'll never part,
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in our hearts.
All our love always,
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Emily xxxxxxxxxx

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IN MEMORIAM

McCulley Sarah

20.09.2005

Your life was
a blessing
Your memories
a treasure
You are loved
beyond words
and missed
beyond measure.

Loving husband
Ray & Family
xx

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Sutton John Edward

20th September 2009

Another year has gone
by and it seems like
yesterday, waiting for
the shout at the door

We will see you
soon John,
love Mum and Dad
xxx

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Edwards Neil

Jean and the family of the late Neil Edwards who died on 8th August, wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives & friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards, letters of condolence, floral tributes received and donations to Scleroderma Society & Prostate cancer. Also thanks to Peter Goulding for a comforting service and to the Co-operative Funeral Care for all the funeral arrangements.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Hobson Ronnie

9th September 2015

Peacefully in hospital aged 62 years.

Beloved Dad of Becky, Luke and Amy and a dear Brother of Charlie, John, Peggy and Michelle. ("Nanite God Bless xxx") Ronnies funeral service will be held at Sefton Church, Sefton Village on Thursday 24th September at 1:15pm followed by committal at Thornton Garden of Rest. Please make enquiries to Barrington's Funeral Services Tel: 0151 928 1625

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

RYLANDS RONALD DAVID (DAVE)

Jean and all the family wish to thank everyone for their kind wishes, donations and expressions of sympathy and support. It was lovely to see so many who attended Dave's funeral to say goodbye to a true gentleman. It was very much appreciated by us all. Thanks to Peter Goulding for the beautiful service and a special thank you to Wendy and all at Howard's Funeral Directors for their caring and dignified arrangements.

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHEQUER LANE, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (No.3) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Chequer Lane from its junction with Ravenhead Way to its junction with Pimbo Lane, Upholland West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Chequer Lane - Tower Hill Road - A577 Ormskirk Road - A577 Newgate Road - A577 Windmill Road - A577 Stannanought Road - Ravenhead Way and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 2000 hours on Monday 28th September 2015 to Friday 2nd October 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/08/15/339]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0841/OUT Outline application including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for up to 54 Class C3 dwelling houses with access on land to the west of Ormskirk and District General Hospital, Wigan Road at Hospital Buildings On Land Adjacent To Pinfold Road, Ormskirk.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0619/FUL Single storey side and rear extension. Raised patio to side at Glenavon, 52 Granville Park West, Aughton.
Application No: 2015/0740/LBC Listed Building Consent - Erection of new brickwalls with metal rails and metal gates at Toby Tavern Bar And Grill, Ashurst Road, Ashurst, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2015/0894/FUL Two storey side extension and conversion of existing detached garage to living space at Sunnyside, 4 Junction Lane, Burscough.
Application No: 2015/0932/FUL Erection of new brickwalls with metal rails and metal gates at Toby Tavern Bar And Grill, Ashurst Road, Ashurst, Skelmersdale.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 16th September 2015
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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (THE COMMON, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of The Common, Parbold, from its junction with Tan House Lane to a point outside property number 25, The Common, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

The Common – Lancaster Lane – Tan House Lane – The Common and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable new electrical connection works to be undertaken.

The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Tuesday 15th September 2015 until 1530 hours Monday 28th September 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/15/62/ARH]

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2015/0088
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I give notice that P - Fuel Ltd is applying to the Lancashire County Council for planning permission for the above development.

The proposed development is within green belt.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans and other documents submitted with it at the Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 7 October 2015.The application, plans and submitted details can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council at the Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD, by email to DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk by 7 October 2015 or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Information regarding the decision on the application will be available on our website within 5 working days of the date of decision. Details on how to make further representations and speak at the Development Control Committee can be found on our web page.

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made by the owner or the tenant to the Council about this application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations. Any owner or tenant wishing to make representations should do so by the date given above.

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 16 September 2015

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DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked
for many favours.
This time I ask for
one special favour.
(mention it)

Take it dear heart of
Jesus and place it
within your own broken
heart where your Father
sees it. Then in his
merciful eyes it will
become your favour,
not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

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PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

Grateful thanks to God the Father for his compassion.

K.E.C.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

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PRAYER

HOLY SPIRIT

You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You, who gave the Divine Gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask You *(mention your request).*

This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

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PRAYER

THANKS Our Lady & St Jude. Prayers answered. June (45488)

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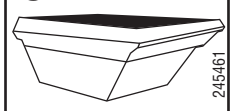
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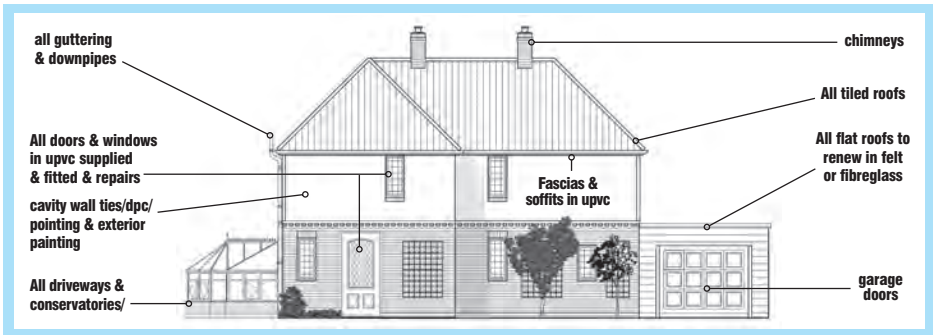
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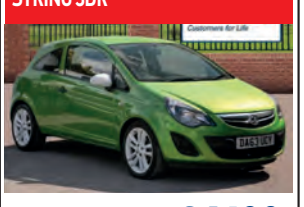

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I'll admit it – I do like the Allegro

THERE are plenty of great cars I don't particularly like. Yet it takes a different sort of topsy–turvy logic altogether to like what's widely regarded as Britain's worst car.

If you're the sort of armchair car critic who's had their idea of what constitutes a rubbish car cemented through a lifetime of Jeremy Clarkson DVDs then you might as well flick straight through to The Champion's match reports. If on the other hand you're prepared to give even motoring's worst offenders a fair trial, then you'll be shocked by the verdict.

I've just spent the past three days hoofing about in an Austin Allegro – and I really enjoyed it.

It's fashionable to give the poor old Allegro a kicking. In the past couple of years the tabloids have picked up on at least three surveys naming and shaming it as Britain's worst car, in 2012 a Tory peer likened a poorly thought–out Government policy and Jeremy Clarkson could only think of the Morris Marina when looking for cars he hated more. In fact, I nearly joined them when a 1.1–litre Series 3 Allegro left me stranded on the M11 a couple of months ago.

So I wasn't expecting much when a colleague chucked me the keys to his pride and joy – a V–registered Allegro 1.3 in a fantastically Seventies shade of brown with beige seats. Certainly, I wasn't expecting to fire faithfully into life every time I tried to start it.

Nor was I expecting it to go and steer in a genuinely entertaining way. I know from the 1.1–litre car I borrowed a few months ago that to drive they feel a bit like a Mini that ate all the pies, but this 1.3–litre car had just enough extra oomph to overcome the podge. I know you'll find it hard to believe, but the right Allegro is a fun car to drive!

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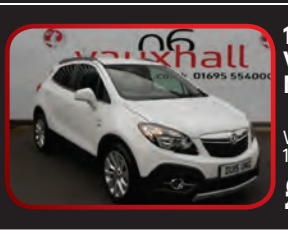

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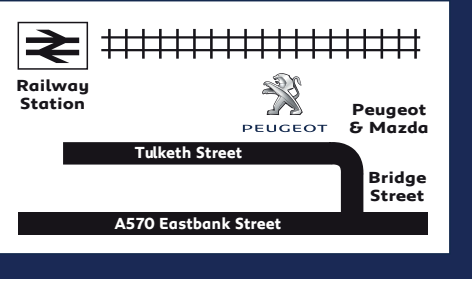

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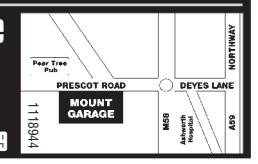

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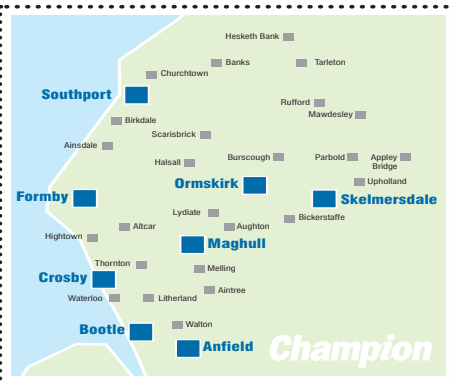

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Hightown St Mary's had a narrow 1 wicket away win at Alder, the hosts chose to bat and were dismissed for 149 with Muhammad Zahid (45) top scoring, whilst Paul Jones 6–33 took the bulk of the wickets to fall. In reply, an unbeaten 69 from Kamran Hussain led the visitors to victory on 150–9.

In the First Division Ainsdale were beaten at home by 2 wickets against champions Colwyn Bay, as several Ainsdale batsmen made decent starts but failed to kick on, for a total of 152. In reply, 5–52 from Adnan Rasool wasn't enough as the visitors wrapped up victory with Phil Jenkins on 38 not out.

Maghull remain third in the First Division after a home draw against Northop Hall, the hosts were put in and thanks to Liam Crilly (95), Greg Gillespie (76), Joel Brockley (32) and Paul Walters (27) were able to declare on 244–6. In reply, the visitors hung on for a draw on 214–9, with Ammar Mahmood (53) top scoring, whilst Ryan Swiers took 3–56 and Jack Snowdon 3–71 with the ball.

Fleetwood Hesketh ensured safety with a draw at Newton le Willows who posted 197–8 declared with Aaron Halsall who took 7–48. In reply, despite 74 from Neil Rimmer and Lee Rimmer's 36, Hesketh finished on 188–7.

Final thriller as Ormskirk capture Ray Digman Trophy

ORMSKIRK clinched the Ray Digman Trophy at Colwyn Bay in thrilling fashion on Sunday by virtue of losing fewer wickets with the scores tied on 202.

Last season's Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division champions were, though, well beaten at home by Bootle on Saturday,*writes Glenn Wallworth.*

They were dismissed for 107 with Chris Stenhouse taking 5–28 and Greg Butterworth 3–1, and in reply, visiting skipper Craig Prince led from the front with an unbeaten 59 to steer his side to victory on 109–1.

Southport & Birkdale lifted themselves out of the drop zone with a superb 6 wicket home win over Highfield.

The visitors chose to bat and recovered from 27–3 to post 234–5 dec, thanks to an unbeaten century from Michael Gaskell (134*) and 60 from Rob Halliwell, while Scott Lees took 3–18. In reply, Ian Sutcliffe (75) and Josh Bohannon (40) gave S&B the perfect platform, before Chris Brownlow (71*) and Jack Morris–Holland (29*) finished the job off on 238–4 sending Highfield down, so with one game remaining it's a now a three way fight between S&B, Wallasey and Leigh to avoid joining Highfield in the First Division next season.

Formby were beaten by 10 runs at newly crowned champions New Brighton, where Khurram Hussian (54) top scored in the hosts' total of 173, with Graham Bolton taking 3–44 and Charles Gallagher 3–53. In reply, Formby slipped from 147–4 (Dane Williams 65) to 163 all out, thanks to 5–39 from David While and 3–52 from Ashraf Nawab.

Northern lost at Birkenhead Park by 3 wickets and on Saturday but then defeated New Brighton by 5 wickets on Sunday bowling them out for 213 with David While scoring a century, while Scott Snaylam claimed 5–50. In reply, Davy Smith (68), Ryan Maddock (42) and Jack Boardman (34) all weighed in with useful runs as the hosts wrapped up victory.

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Spirited Skem score late goal to earn a cup replay

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Glossop North End 1
Skelmersdale United 1

IF life wasn't tough enough being handed an away FA Cup draw against last season's FA Vase finalists, Skem manager Tommy Lawson then had to take on the task with one arm metaphorically tied behind his back as a raft of six injuries devastated his small squad in the four days before the match.

So to return with a Tuesday night replay in the bag.

Skem started the game with a 16–year–old up front, a 17–year–old in midfield and a man who hadn't kicked a ball since April in the centre of his defence.

To add to that the bench was like an emergency ward so when in the 24th minute he had to use a substitute nursing a groin injury it exacerbated the situation even more.

In the end the last–gasp equaliser for a 1–1 draw that was completely justified.

Skem had started the game on the offensive and were a little unlucky not to have taken the lead. In the 4th minute Jack Owen saw a header tipped around the post by home goalkeeper Greg Hall. And 10 minutes later only an excellent intervention by the keeper prevented a Phil Mooney cross from setting up an open goal, before Dan Mitchley got the ball into the net but was given marginally offside.

Mitchley brought a top–class reaction save from Hall and Louis Corrigan had a blistering volley blocked en route to goal.

In the 53rd minute the game was changed by a goal for the home side. Astley Mulholland created space on the left and lifted the ball to far post, where Tom Bailey headed home from about five yards out.

The next half–hour saw the game change as Skem pressed and Glossop defended and sought to counte quickly, a system they are well set out to do.

Hall made another point–blank save from Mitchley then Skem appealed vociferously for a penalty as a driven Shaun Holden cross hit a hand.

Jamie Rainford was always dangerous for Glossop on the breakaway and Martin Fearon had to be sharp a couple of times to keep him out, while Dave Young hit the Skem bar with a header in the best of the hosts' attacking moves.

It was three minutes into added time when a corner flag move indirectly brought the Skem equaliser. Mooney was fouled and quickly played the ball long to the left side. It was knocked on to Holden who drove it goalwards, with forwards on his tail and looking to score, defender Martin Parker frantically went for the ball and it went into the net.

Midlands team set for first visit to Stormy Corner

UNITED now turn their attention to a brace of Evo–Stik Premier Division matches – away at Ashton United on Saturday, September 19, and at home on Tuesday, September 22 when Sutton Coldfield Town make the trip up for a first–ever visit to Skelmersdale. Although they sit in 17th position in the table Sutton have a decent away record. Out of four away games they have won one drawn two and only lost once.

Richmond bow out of Lancashire Shield

Lancashire FA Shield first round
Burscough Richmond 1
Tempest Utd 2

RICHMOND bowed out of this cup game at the first hurdle against a very experienced Bolton side.

Richmond with more than several absentees gave a good account of themselves, but with too many changes to the home side they lacked penetration at crucial times.

It was a dominant Tempest side who took the lead on 38 minutes, the ball being forced across the Richmond six yard box to find Barlow at the far post who side footed the ball into the back of the Richmond net.

Richmond had to wait till the 45th minute for their chance, full back Ashley Disley applying some very clever footwork to set up James Hanson in the box btt the Richmond forward dwelt on the ball far long and a great opportunity was blocked and cleared by the away team's defenders.

The second half started as the first half finished with Tempest still dominating.

Keeper Halton and man of the match kept the home side in the game with a brilliant save.

But a 70th minute free kick strike by Howard could not be stopped by Halton such was the velocity of the shot.

The home side pulled a goal back after Tempest goal goalkeeper Tebar lost possession on the edge of his area.

The ball fell kindly to forward Lee Jones who fired into an empty net.

This was as it turned out, a consolation goal.

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